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The Mechanics of Daily Blogging

The daily publication schedule of Coffee & Covid (C&C) demands a rigorous drafting process that leaves no time for external editors or proofreaders. Each post is typically completed within a four-hour window, consisting of a three-hour drafting phase and a one-hour editorial pass to correct typos and improve transitions. Occasionally, date errors occur in the headlines when segments or templates are pulled forward from future drafts to meet a tight deadline. This "time-traveling" method allows for the preparation of content in advance, though it can lead to paradoxical errors when the wrong date is inadvertently used.

Reforming the Senate Filibuster

Recent developments suggest a significant shift toward ending the practice known as the "zombie filibuster". President Trump has recently endorsed a proposal by Senator Mike Lee to require actual floor debate for a filibuster to be sustained. This change would require fifty Republican Senators to agree to end the silent filibuster, forcing the Senate to engage in active discussion as originally intended by the Founders. The goal is to move away from a system of moaning and grunting maneuvers toward a more functional and communicative legislative process.

New Constitutional Hope for Tina Peters

The legal case for election whistleblower Tina Peters has gained new momentum following a presidential pardon. While common legal consensus holds that presidential pardons do not apply to state-level crimes, Peters' lawyers have introduced a historical argument based on the 1795 Whiskey Rebellion. During that period, President George Washington issued pardons that reached both state and federal criminal liabilities to restore order and national unity.

The current legal motion argues that a presidential pardon should be able to wipe the slate clean across all jurisdictions when the offenses are tied to national political controversies or core federal interests, such as presidential election disputes. The Colorado Court of Appeals has acknowledged this non-frivolous constitutional issue and has set an expedited briefing schedule for early January.

Media Criticism and the Streisand Effect

The Washington Post and the New York Times have recently criticized Trump administration officials for posting religious Christmas messages on official social media accounts. These outlets claim that such overt religious expressions contrast with a recent tradition of secular holiday messaging. However, these efforts to criticize the messages have resulted in a "Streisand Effect," where the media's disapproval has inadvertently amplified the reach and visibility of the original religious content. Historically, bland secular wishes are a modern innovation, whereas official religious messaging represents a return to much older American traditions.

H-1B Visa Fees and Labor Reforms

A federal judge appointed by the Obama administration has dismissed a challenge to a new $100,000 fee for H-1B visa applications. This fee is part of a broader strategy by the current administration to reform visa abuse and protect American workers from being undercut by lower-wage foreign labor. In addition to the fee, the Department of

Homeland Security is set to replace the previous random lottery system with a weighted selection process. This new system will prioritize positions that require specialized skills and offer wages that are above the current market rate.

Significant Reductions in National Crime Rates

New data indicates that the United States is currently experiencing a historic decline in violent crime, with murders on track for the largest one-year drop ever recorded. Despite skepticism from some media outlets regarding the cause of this trend, violent crime has decreased across the board, with murders down by 20% nationally. In Washington, D.C., where federal authorities have implemented a focused crackdown, the murder rate has dropped by 28%. These figures suggest that the current administration's emphasis on law enforcement and immigration control is contributing to an overall improvement in public safety.